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# FEMA: Week in Review

Louisiana Recovery Office  
Serving Recovery Needs from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita  
New Orleans, LA

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### City of New Orleans Breaks Ground on New Orleans East Hospital

City of New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Archbishop Gregory Aymond, City Councilmember James Austin Gray, State Senator J.P. Morrell, Health Commissioner Karen DeSalvo and Louisiana Recovery Office Deputy Director of Programs Andre Cadogan were all on hand Friday, Jan. 11 to celebrate the groundbreaking for the New Orleans East Hospital.



The hospital, funded largely by Community Development Block Grants, received \$8.4 million in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding from FEMA to harden the facility against future storms. When completed, New Orleans East Hospital will be an 80-bed facility that is projected to serve 90,125 patients annually.



### FEMA Seeks Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on two recently posted public notices. Share your ideas for mitigating archaeological sites in New Orleans' Central City neighborhood (Feb. 6 deadline) or comment on disaster-related repairs to Fort Jackson in Plaquemines Parish (Feb. 7 deadline).

Visit [www.crt.state.la.us/culturalassets/fema106/](http://www.crt.state.la.us/culturalassets/fema106/) for more information and to comment.

### Upcoming Webinar and Think Tank Call

On Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. central, a webinar will address the emergency preparedness needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Presenters will give examples of best practices and explain how organizations that support diverse populations are better prepared at all levels when a disaster strikes. To register, click: <http://connect.hsin.gov/aapi2013a/event/registration.html>.

A week later, on Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. central, FEMA Deputy Administrator Richard Serino will host the next FEMA Think Tank conference call. The call will highlight innovative response and recovery efforts during Hurricane Sandy. Visit FEMA's online forum at [www.fema.gov/thinktank](http://www.fema.gov/thinktank) for more information.

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## Calendar

**Jan. 29:** Johnson Bayou School Groundbreaking, Cameron Parish

**Jan. 30:** [FEMA Webinar: Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders Emergency Preparedness Needs](#)

**Feb. 3:** Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans

**Feb. 6 at 11 a.m.:** [FEMA Think Tank call: Innovative Solutions in Emergency Management](#)

**Feb. 7:** [The Great Central U.S. Shakeout](#)

**Feb. 12:** Mardi Gras

**Feb. 20-22:** [2013 Police Jury Association of Louisiana Annual Convention](#), Lake Charles

**Mar. 12 -15:** [Public Health Preparedness Summit](#), Atlanta, Ga.

### Get Ready to ShakeOut!

Join millions of people who will Drop, Cover and Hold On at 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 7, 2013, in the 2013 *Great Central U.S. ShakeOut!*

Great ShakeOut earthquake drills help people in homes, schools and organizations improve preparedness and practice how to be safe during earthquakes. Last year more than 12.5 million people were registered in ShakeOut drills worldwide. Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes. Visit [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org) for more information.

